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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE SECRETARY OF ENVIRONMENT TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE  
12 TO DEVELOP GUIDELINES FOR ENVIRONMENTALLY PREFERRED  
13 ELECTRONICS PROCUREMENT AND RECYCLING BY STATE AGENCIES.

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15 WHEREAS, the technology explosion has created an  
16 exponential increase in electronic waste, known as "e-waste",  
17 that contains dangerous substances such as lead and mercury  
18 that can pollute air, land and water; and

19 WHEREAS, used and nonfunctioning electronic products take  
20 up landfill space, and recycling those products prevents the  
21 release of heavy metals, brominated flame retardants and  
22 polyvinyl chlorides that could pose environmental and health  
23 risks; and

24 WHEREAS, when state agencies purchase greener electronic  
25 products, they reduce the impacts of electronic products during

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1 use; and

2 WHEREAS, state agencies in the executive branch represent  
3 one of the largest purchasers and disposers of electronics as  
4 an industry segment, with a large number of desktops, laptops  
5 and monitors requiring proper disposal annually; and

6 WHEREAS, the department of environment should take a  
7 leadership role in creating cradle-to-grave guidelines for the  
8 procurement and proper recycling of electronics at state  
9 agencies; and

10 WHEREAS, the proper procurement and disposal of  
11 electronics support improved energy efficiency and reduction of  
12 greenhouse gases; and

13 WHEREAS, state agencies can demonstrate leadership and  
14 promote behavior change among the citizens of New Mexico; and

15 WHEREAS, there is a market for recycling e-waste that can  
16 help provide jobs and computer resources for education, as well  
17 as dispose of unusable components in an environmentally correct  
18 manner;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
20 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the secretary of environment be  
21 requested to convene a task force to develop guidelines for  
22 environmentally preferable electronics procurement and  
23 recycling by New Mexico state agencies and make recommendations  
24 to the New Mexico legislature; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force include the

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1 secretary of environment or the secretary's designee; the  
2 secretary of information technology or the secretary's  
3 designee; the state purchasing agent of the purchasing division  
4 of the general services department or the agent's designee; the  
5 director of the administrative office of the courts or the  
6 director's designee; the director of the legislative council  
7 service or the director's designee; representatives from New  
8 Mexico's colleges and universities; representatives from  
9 recycling coalitions in New Mexico; representatives from the  
10 private computer industry; representatives from the electronic  
11 scrap recyclers and processors industry; representatives from  
12 Sandia national laboratories and the Los Alamos national  
13 laboratory to assist in the development of best management  
14 practices on the state agency level; and any other entities  
15 deemed necessary by the secretary of environment; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force's work include  
17 the following:

18 A. a review of existing electronics procurement in  
19 New Mexico; and

20 B. a study of existing programs in other states  
21 that may serve as models for New Mexico in implementing best  
22 practices for procurement of electronics and use and disposal  
23 of e-waste; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force collaborate  
25 with the purchasing division of the general services department

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1 to document the actual amount of electronics used in state  
2 agencies and to develop a statewide e-waste recycling contract  
3 template; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be requested to  
5 present its findings and recommendations to the appropriate  
6 interim legislative committee no later than December 1, 2008;  
7 and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
9 transmitted to the secretary of environment.